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THIS MONTH'S COVER PICTURE

One of the posters published at the Futema Printing Plant by the Information and Education Department, Military Government. Titled "A Bridge to Democracy", it points out that democracy is built upon the foundations of duties and rights. Democracy can never be established without the support of the people who are willing to assume their duties and responsibilities.

The bridge from a Ryukyus under militarism to a democratic, united Ryukyus must be supported by the ideals of freedom of the press, respect for human rights, freedom of thought, freedom of religion, recognition of group responsibility, unselfish cooperation; interest in the advancement of mankind, and democratic benefits for all. Three thousand copies of this poster were distributed throughout the Ryukyus. (See paragraph 7 - INFORMATION)

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GOVERNMENT

Directives

1. Military Government Directive No. 16, "Corporation and Liquidation Surplus Taxes", issued 11 May 1949, effective 1 April 1948 is a supplement to Military Government Directive No. 17, dated 23 April 1947. This directive establishes a 35 percent normal tax on the net income of all corporations plus a surtax computed on the net income of corporations. Provisions are also made for a 35 percent liquidation surplus tax.

Northern Ryukyus Military Government Directive No. 1949-5, "Ship Confiscated by Military Government Provost Court", issued and effective 3 May 1949, provides for the confiscation of a 41-ton ship, Kazu Maru No. 3. The ship was confiscated according to U.S. Naval Military Government Proclamation No. 3, "Exceptional Military Courts", Article 5, Section 4.

Southern Ryukyus Military Government Directive No. 7, issued and effective 28 March 1949, prohibits the provisional governments in the Southern Ryukyus from making loans from government funds to any person or organization without approval of Military Government. Transfer of funds between governmental sections must also have approval of Military Government.

2. The Ryukyus Military Government Plans Board was established in May. The purpose of the board is to study economic and financial problems and prepare plans thereon. Some of the problems to be dealt with are: the tax program; permanent housing and resettlement program; relationship between wages and prices; import-export program; interisland trade; efficient use of labor supply and such other tasks and responsibilities as may be assigned to the board by the Military Governor.

POLITICS

3. A petition from the city, town and village mayors of Okinawa

nawa Gunto was submitted to Military Government, requesting the hastening of land ownership recognition and setting forth the needs for early land ownership policy. Military Government answered this petition by pointing out the difficulties resulting from destruction of all records during the war. The petitioners were assured that the problem is being studied and the details would be worked out as soon as possible.

4. A petition signed by 29,888 persons from Central Okinawa, headed by Shiroma, Seizen, Mayor of Gokyu, was presented to the Okinawa Military Government Team in May, stating that the Enterprise and Income Tax was beyond the people's ability to pay. The reasons for their inability to pay were:

- (1) Less farm land available.
- (2) Increase in population due to repatriation.
- (3) War damage.
- (4) Drought, typhoon and insects.

5. At the regular monthly meeting of the Mura Assemblymen's Association, three petitions were submitted to the Okinawan Civilian Administration and Military Government. One requested that the quantity of goods now supplied be continued after July and that prices of these supplies be reduced to those of 31 December 1948; the second, remission of income taxes; the third was in four parts, improvement of communication and transportation, grant of permission for breeding domestic animals, establishment of standard taxation, and the establishment of a weights and measures inspection office.

6. Four more meetings of the "United Front" of the three political parties, Democratic Alliance Party, People's Party and the Socialist Party, of Okinawa were held. Date, place and estimated attendance were as follows:

1 May	Naha	3,000
2 May	Itoman	1,500
4 May	Ishikawa	1,000
6 May	Nago	1,000

The speeches at these four meetings did not seem to follow the proposed policies decided upon at the 22 April meeting, but became involved in a discussion of mura store prices, disposition of money collected through mura store sales, utilization of land by the Armed Forces, income tax payments for 1948, and governmental use of tax money.

7. To counteract the misleading statements of members of some political parties the officials of the Okinawan Civilian Administration, backed by Military Government, decided to hold meetings at various cities over the island using local speakers and members of the Okinawan Civilian Administration to explain to the people the workings of their government. Surveys by political experts of Military Government indicate that the political unrest in Okinawa is caused in part by ignorance of the people regarding their government.

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LEGAL

Civilian Courts

1. Civilian Courts on Okinawa tried 417 criminal cases in May. No civil cases were tried. There were 394 cases tried by the Magistrate Court, all persons were found guilty, 6 of those found guilty were placed on probation and ¥ 24,790 in fines were collected.

MAGISTRATE COURTS
Okinawa Gunto
Criminal Cases

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Theft of U.S. Gov't property	61
Illegal possession of U.S. Gov't property	12
Violation of traffic regulations	73
Violation of curfew regulations	150
Illegal brewing of liquor	5
Accidental injury	10
Off limits violation	15
Prostitution	28
Pandering	20
Gambling	1
Smuggling	12
Fraud	7

A total of 23 cases was tried by Circuit Courts, all persons were found guilty, 6 of the 23 found guilty were placed on probation and fines collected amounted to ¥ 4,850.

CIRCUIT COURTS
Okinawa Gunto
Criminal Cases

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Theft of U.S. Gov't property	9
Illegal possession of U.S. Gov't property	6
Violation of fishing regulations	3
Accidental injury	3
Fraud	2

No cases were tried in the Superior Court or the Court of Appeals.

2. In the Northern Ryukyus Circuit Court, 14 criminal cases were tried during May; 7 of the 14 persons found guilty were placed on probation. Fines collected amounted to ¥ 1,100.

CIRCUIT COURT
Northern Ryukyus
Criminal Cases

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Violation of fishing regulations	1
Fraud and usurpation	2
Injury	2
Trespassing	1
Fraud	1
Burglary	1
Theft	4
Kidnapping	1
Usurpation	1

Circuit Courts in the Northern Ryukyus tried 225 civil cases, 136 persons were found guilty, 89 cases are pending and no fines were collected.

CIRCUIT COURT
Northern Ryukyus
Civil Cases

<u>Civil Actions</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Tort	7
Real estate	39
Loan	18
Compromise	10

Domestic relations	5
Arbitration	10
Auction	1
Petition	134
Provisional registration	1

No cases were tried in the Magistrate Court, Superior Court or Court of Appeals in the Northern Ryukyus in May.

3. In the Southern Ryukyus Magistrate Court 7 criminal cases were tried during April; 5 of the 7 persons found guilty of larceny were placed on probation and ¥ 500 in fines were collected.

Circuit Courts in the Southern Ryukyus tried 20 criminal cases in April; all persons were found guilty and fines collected amounted to ¥ 320. No civil cases were tried.

CIRCUIT COURTS
Southern Ryukyus
Criminal Cases

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Violation of firearms control and fishing regulation	2
Attempted theft	3
Incendiary	2
Injury	1
Larceny	8
Libel	2
Illegal sale of supplies issued by U.S. Gov't	2

No cases were tried in the Superior Court or the Court of Appeals.

Military Courts

4. Military Courts on Okinawa tried 520 cases during May. In the Superior Provost Court 78 cases were tried; 10 of the 76 persons found guilty were placed on probation and 2 persons were acquitted. Fines collected amounted to ¥ 39,200, and ¥ 14,000 were confiscated.

SUPERIOR PROVOST COURT
Okinawa Gunto

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Theft of U. S. Gov't property	53
Illegal possession of U.S. Gov't property	14

Violation of traffic regulations	1
Damaging U.S. Gov't property	1
Prostitution	4
Off limits violation	2
Attempted larceny	1
Burglary	2

A total of 442 cases was tried in Summary Provost Court; 175 of the 360 persons found guilty were placed on probation and 82 persons were acquitted. Fines collected amounted to ¥ 2,000, and ¥ 3,247.50 were confiscated.

**SUMMARY PROVOST COURT
Okinawa Gunto**

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Theft of U.S. Gov't property	111
Illegal possession of U.S. Gov't property	48
Violation of traffic regulations	33
Damaging U.S. Gov't property	2
Violation of curfew regulations	39
Prostitution	30
Off limits violation	150
Pandering	12
Held for investigation	7
Illegal sale of U.S. Gov't property	3
Illegal interisland trade	4
Illegal travel	1
Accepting bribe	1
Bartering	1

5. In the Northern Ryukyus no cases were tried in the Summary Provost Court during May. In the Superior Provost Court, 16 cases of illegal entry and departure and 19 cases of illegal import and export were tried; 34 of the 35 persons found guilty were placed on probation. Fines collected amounted to ¥ 2,000, and ¥ 16,000 were confiscated.

In the Southern Ryukyus there were no cases tried in the Military Courts in April.

Citizenship Claims

6. Three new claims to United States Citizenship were filed.

Workmen's Compensation Claims

7. The Workmen's Compensation Commission awarded a total of ¥ 18,959 to 10 claimants and disallowed 7 claims.

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LAW AND ORDER

8. A total of 1,347 arrests including 78 juveniles was made in Okinawa Gunto in April. There were 190 arrests in the Northern Ryukyus and 57 in the Southern Ryukyus including 10 juveniles.

ARRESTS

April

<u>Adults</u>	Okinawa Gunto	Northern Ryukyus	Southern Ryukyus
Illegal possession of explosives and firearms	4	10	0
Illegal possession of U.S. Gov't property	72	0	0
Illegal possession of dangerous items	0	0	2
Illegal possession of stolen goods	0	0	2
Interference with officials on public duty	0	1	1
Violation of curfew regulations	624	0	0
Violation of fire regulations	0	0	2
Violation of fishing regulations	4	0	0
Violation of traffic regulations	255	0	0
Larceny and embezzlement	198	163	21
Wounding while on duty	1	0	0
Prostitution, pandering, etc.	81	0	0
Dealing in stolen goods	4	0	0
Assault and battery	4	0	0
Accidental homicide	0	0	1
Accidental injury	0	0	1
Malicious injury	0	0	4
Intimidation	1	0	0
Trespassing	1	0	1
Usurpation	0	0	1
Gambling	3	0	0
Bribery	1	0	0
Robbery	4	0	0
Murder	0	1	0
Fraud	12	0	1
Others	0	15	10

<u>Juveniles</u>	Okinawa Gunto	Southern Ryukyus
Illegal possession of U.S. Gov't property	4	0
Illegal possession of firearms	1	0
Damaging military property	1	0
Dealing in stolen goods	2	0
Larceny and embezzlement	65	10
Assault and battery	1	0
Trespassing	4	0

PRISONS

9. Prison population of the Ryukyus is shown in the table below.

PRISON POPULATION Ryukyus

<u>April</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Juveniles</u>	<u>Total</u>
Okinawa Central Prison	461	54	88	603
Okinawa Branch Prisons	82	0	0	82
<u>March</u>				
Northern Ryukyus Prison	99	5	1	105
Miyako Prison	31	2	0	33
Yaeyama Prison	18	0	2	20

Activities of Okinawan Prisoners

10. The brick kiln at the old Naha Prison was completed in May and work on the drying room has begun.

11. During May the Central and Branch Prisons produced 2,326 pounds of food which is 9 percent of the food consumed during the month. Food production showed a decrease of 1,895 pounds from April. This is due to the fact that May is not a harvest month.

12. Manufacture of industrial products by the prisoners brought a sales value of ¥ 15,895. Prisoner laborers employed by Military Government and Bucknerville Housing Area earned ¥ 9,634.90. The fish catch, shoe repair and miscellaneous consignment work netted ¥ 7,267.60. Total revenue was ¥ 32,797.50.

ACCIDENTS

13. The 31 accidents reported in Okinawa Gunto resulted in 7

deaths. In the Northern Ryukyus 11 accidents resulted in 9 deaths. The Southern Ryukyus reported 5 accidents with 3 deaths.

Cause of Casualties	Okinawa	Gunto	N.Ryukyus	S.Ryukyus
	April	April	April	April
Explosives	6	1	3	
Killed	0	1	0	
Injured	7	0	4	
Traffic	13	2	2	
Killed	3	0	3	
Injured	10	12	3	
Poisonous alcohol	8	0	0	
Killed	0	0	0	
Injured	8	0	0	
Miscellaneous	4	8	0	
Killed	4	8	0	
Injured	0	0	0	

FIRE AND DISASTER

Fires

14. There were 11 fires on Okinawa in April resulting in ¥ 50,225,050 damage and 3 deaths. Four fires in the Northern Ryukyus caused ¥ 361,100 damage and 1 fire in the Southern Ryukyus resulted in ¥ 85,000 damage. There were no deaths from fires in the Northern or Southern Ryukyus. Increase in total damage on Okinawa is due to a fire in an electric plant and damage to machinery.

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AGRICULTUREFood Production

1. Crops harvested in the Ryukyus are shown in the table below in metric tons.

Crop	Okinawa G.	N.Ryukyus	S.Ryukyus
	May	April	April
Rice	0	0	0
Soy beans	0	0	0
Vegetables	1,655	582	289
Sugar cane	0	0	684
Peanuts	0	0	0
Sweet potatoes	9,837	5,188	2,795
Irish potatoes	2,037	0	171
Other grains	1,610	1,897	No data

Ryukyus Rice Production and Land Reclamation Authority

2. A total of 2,048 feet of 8 inch pipeline has been reestablished in the mountains of Hanoji in Northern Okinawa. Water controlled by this pipeline benefits approximately 150 acres of rice fields.

Two concrete dams in Northern Okinawa have been rebuilt impounding a natural overflow which can be let in to irrigate approximately 400 acres of rice paddies. One dam was completely destroyed by the war, the other partly destroyed. The dams were rebuilt, according to American plans, by Okinawan irrigation engineers, assisted by Engineering Projection and Public Works personnel.

Livestock and Poultry

3. Livestock and poultry populations in the Ryukyus are shown in the following tables.

LIVESTOCK POPULATION Okinawa Gunto

	<u>April</u>					<u>May</u>	
	<u>Population</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Slaughtered</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Import</u>	<u>Export</u>	<u>Population</u>
Cattle	4,078	152	20	1	0	0	4,209
Horses	2,819	14	0	0	0	0	2,833
Swine	38,989	2,051	555	66	107	0	40,526
Goats	19,631	1,899	32	3	588	0	22,083
Rabbits	31,530	2,560	0	0	0	0	34,090
Poultry	136,800	9,096	500	0	0	0	145,396

Northern Ryukyus

	<u>April</u>					<u>May</u>	
	<u>Population</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Slaughtered</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Import</u>	<u>Export</u>	<u>Population</u>
Cattle	14,890	519	194	31	0	2	15,182
Horses	3,140	59	4	5	0	4	3,186
Swine	26,420	1,841	636	127	0	0	27,498
Goats	26,446	574	325	37	0	0	26,658
Rabbits	7,945	1,247	971	0	0	0	8,221
Poultry	112,275	4,561	3,761	34	0	0	113,041

Southern Ryukyus

	<u>March</u>					<u>April</u>	
	<u>Population</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Slaughtered</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Import</u>	<u>Export</u>	<u>Population</u>
Cattle	2,163	16	3	0	1	3	2,174
Horses	8,799	223	2	2	3	17	9,004
Swine	17,820	818	774	62	10	340	17,472
Goats	16,525	466	226	34	4	73	16,662
Rabbits	1,159	57	39	9	0	0	1,168
Poultry	35,180	1,188	477	144	0	0	35,747

FISHERIES

4. Fish catch in the Ryukyus are shown in the table below.

FISH CATCH - RYUKYUS.
(metric tons)

Type	Okinawa G. May	N.Ryukyus April	S.Ryukyus April
Swordfish	8	0	13
Bonito	333	35	8
Mackerel	3	1	32
Red snapper	28	7	12
Gurukun	29	5	0
Shark	67	2	3
Sea bream	19	2	4
Flying fish	92	0	7
Squid and cuttlefish	10	0	1
Tuna	6	0	0
Octopus	5	0	4
Others	120	52	32
Totals	720	104	116

Other marine production for Okinawa in May totaled 13 metric tons. The Southern Ryukyus reported 50 metric tons in April.

In Okinawa, 23 metric tons of dried bonito and 3 metric tons of fish cake were processed in May. In April, the Northern Ryukyus processed .5 metric ton of dried bonito and the Southern Ryukyus processed .06 metric tons.

Fishing Fleet

5. There were 167 powered boats and 1,553 non-powered boats in operation in Okinawa in May. In the Northern Ryukyus there were 87 powered boats and 1,258 non-powered boats operating in April. The Southern Ryukyus reported 107 powered boats and 662 non-powered boats used for fishing in April.

6. Powered boats inoperable due to engine and hull repairs were: in Okinawa in May, 38 boats; in the Northern Ryukyus in April, 32 boats; in the Southern Ryukyus in April, 12 boats.

7. In May seven new sampans, 6 military landing crafts (replacements for unserviceable landing craft) and 4 salvaged sampans were registered in Okinawa. The Northern Ryukyus reported 4 new sampans and the Southern Ryukyus reported 3 sampans registered, in May.

Okinawa Boatbuilding and Repair Yard

8. The Okinawa Boatbuilding and Repair Yard at Toguchi made

the following repairs.

	<u>April</u>		<u>May</u>
Hull repair	11	Hull repair	5
Engine overhaul	19	Engine overhaul	16
Engine repair	9	Engine repair	8
Machine shop repair	27	Machine shop repair	34
Welding repair	19	Electric repair	20
Foundry repair	11	Batteries recharged	52
Electric repair	21		

The foundry cast 3 cylinder covers and 1 crank case for a 5 hp semi-diesel engine in May.

9. Production at the blacksmith shop of Okinawa Boatbuilding and Repair Yard is shown below.

	<u>April</u>		<u>May</u>
Rudder	1	Bolts, 1/2"	20
Ice box lid	8	Nail	3,062
Boiling kettle	1	Spikes; 3"	1,000
Bolt, 1/2"	125	Spikes, 4-1/2"	1,409
Bolt, 5/8"	47	Rudder repair	1
Nail	400		
Tack, 4"	3,250		

Supplies

10. The following supplies were received from the Civilian Supply Depot in May for use in Okinawa's fishing industry.

<u>Item</u>		<u>Unit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Canvas, #14, size 51		yd	6,000
Gasoline can, 5 gal		ea	100
Rope, manila, 3 strand, 2"		lb	20,000
Electric motor, 50 hp		ea	3
Ice can, welded		ea	600

Ice Plants

11. The 15-ton ice plant at Toguchi, Okinawa produced 375 short tons of ice in May for distribution to fishing associations. Report of ice production at Koniya Ice Plant, Northern Ryukyus was not received.

Petroleum Products for Fishing Industry

12. POL allotment and consumption for the Okinawan and Northern

Ryukyus fishing industries is given below. Miyako, Southern Ryukyus, consumed 816 gallons of diesel and 91 gallons of SAE #30 in April. Yaeyama, Southern Ryukyus, consumed 9,697 gallons of diesel and 186 gallons of kerosene.

POL ALLOTMENT AND CONSUMPTION
May

		<u>Okinawa</u>		<u>N. Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Consumed</u>	<u>Allotment</u>	<u>Consumed</u>
Gasoline	gal	6,160	4,916	159	159
Diesel	gal	200,000	233,750 ^{a/}	19,825	19,825
SAE #30	gal	12,415	7,000	1,497	1,497
SAE #90	gal	100	0	0	0
Kerosene	gal	3,445	2,520	0	0
GP #1	lb	100	260	76	76

^{a/} The large consumption of diesel includes accumulation of off season allotments since February.

FORESTRY

13. Lumber and lumber products are shown in the table below.

FORESTRY PRODUCTION
Ryukyus

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Okinawa G.</u>	<u>N. Ryukyus</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus</u>
		<u>May</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>April</u>
Lumber	bd ft	2,222,040 ^{a/}	263,520	47,743
Firewood	cu ft	12,590	29,557	102,692
Charcoal	lb	19,779	132,000	41,580

^{a/} 924,240 board feet of lumber were furnished by the Agriculture Section and 1,297,800 board feet were furnished by the Industries Section of Okinawan Civilian Administration.

Iriomote Timber and Logging Project

14. In May the Shirahama Sawmill on Iriomote cut 37,733 board feet of lumber and the Inaba Sawmill cut 7,008 board feet. A total of 49,717 pounds of charcoal was produced.

MINING AND QUARRYING

15. Okinawa produced 6,800 cubic feet of sandstone in May. In the Southern Ryukyus 58 metric tons of limestone and 5,400 cubic feet of sandstone were produced in April.

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INDUSTRY

Food Processing

1. Food processing in the Ryukyus is shown in the table below. On Okinawa there was an increase in salt production due to adequate fuel received by one of the salt factories; the increase of miso reflects an increase of raw material used for its production. The decrease of starch on Okinawa was caused by shortage of sweet potatoes suited for its production. The increase of tea production and the decrease in rice cleaning on Okinawa is seasonal. In the Northern Ryukyus salt production decrease was caused by needed repairs of salt fields; sake decrease was due to lack of raw material. Favorable weather accounts for increase of salt production in the Southern Ryukyus.

FOOD PROCESSING - RYUKYUS

<u>Product</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Okinawa G. April</u>	<u>N. Ryukyus April</u>	<u>S. Ryukyus March</u>
Salt	lb	165,700	88,961	14,750
Miso	lb	9,400	0	0
Shoyu	gal	895	190	310
Sake	gal	24,958	920	4,573
Flour (milling)	lb	7,695	31,553	0
Starch	lb	0	0	0

Vermicelli	lb	13,550	0	0
Tea	lb	2,092	0	0
Rice (cleaning)	lb	269,667	435,758	0
Rice (milling)	lb	0	0	0

Metalworking

2. Production of metalworks in the Ryukyus is shown in the table below. The general increase in metalworks production in Okinawa reflects an increase in demand.

METALWORKING - RYUKYUS

	Okinawa G.	N. Ryukyus	S. Ryukyus
	April	April	March
No. companies operating	27	125	61
No. employees	270	346	220
Farm tools (produced)	501	2,310	6,715
Farm tools (repaired)	359	0	6,770
Industrial tools (produced)	438	889	9,935
Industrial tools (repaired)	553	0	3,605
Hardware	3,711	0	0
Rice cleaning machine	1	0	0
Household items			
Vermicelli machine	8	0	0
Tableware	23	232	0
Miscellaneous items	183	0	0
Casting			
Tableware	399	0	113
Pots and pans	608	0	432
Miscellaneous items	347	280	459
Industrial tools & repair parts	0	100	0
Tinworking			
Buckets	110	28	0
Wash tubs	0	2	0
Wash basins	0	40	0
Tea kettles	0	28	0
Sprinkling cans	25	0	0
Oil lamps	10	90	0

Ceramics

3. Pottery production in Okinawa Gunto is shown in the table below.

CERAMICS PRODUCTION - OKINAWA GUNTO
April

For sale to Okinawans

Rice bowl	7,337
Tea bowl	1,348
Tea cup	711
Tea pot	41
Grinding mortar	63
Jars	1,692
Funeral urn	241
Tea tray	642

For sale through Gift Shops

Ash tray	505
Ornamental lion	102
Sake cup	346
Sake pot	286
Tea pot	38
Tea bowl	229
Flower pot	45
Flower vase	550

In the Northern Ryukyus during April, 230 tea cups, 40 tea pots, 20 grinding mortars, 400 electric insulators and 600 mugs were produced. There was no household ceramic ware production in the Southern Ryukyus in March.

Woodworking

4. Woodworking reported in the Ryukyus is shown below.

WOODWORKING - RYUKYUS

	Okinawa G. April	N.Ryukyus April	S.Ryukyus March
Companies reporting	46	201	6
Employees	415	531	13
School desk	539	0	0
School chair	587	0	0
Office desk	136	0	4
Office chair	81	0	4
Household furniture	195	49	24
Tub, pail, basin	40	181	0
Geta (pair)	1,455	4,434	14,997
Cart (hand-drawn)	31	0	0
Miscellaneous items	367	0	176

Door	70	0	0
Mat-making machine	5	1	0
Tobacco cutting machine	0	1	0
Shingle	0	57,986	0
Abacus	0	19	0
Toys	0	384	0

Shoemaking and Repair

5. In Okinawa Gunto in April, 17 shoe-making and repair shops employing 31 persons remade (changed large size into small) 168 pairs of shoes and repaired 590 pairs.

Woven Products

6. Woven products manufactured in Okinawa during April are shown below. In the Northern Ryukyus 892 tatami straw mats, 1 handbag and 1,424 mushiro (thin straw) mats were produced. The Southern Ryukyus reported production of 150 panama hats, 180 tatami mats and 300 mushiro mats.

WOVEN PRODUCTS - OKINAWA GUNTO April

Panama hat	2,546
Work hat	290
Grass holder for drink-ing glass	388
Mat mushiro	74

Bamboo Products

7. The following bamboo products were manufactured in the Northern Ryukyus during April.

Dining table	12
Chair, folding	12
Bookshelf	12
Bed	5
Flower basket	40
Hand basket	160
Food basket	70
Toilet articles container	400
Bamboo luggage, large	6
Bamboo luggage, small	3
Utility basket	803

Miscellaneous Items

8. Production of miscellaneous items in the Northern Ryukyus

during April is shown in the table below.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hydrochloric acid	lb	8
Sliding screen paper	sht	1,920
Chalk	doz	800
Umbrella (parasol)	ea	24
Incense stick	ea	5,600

Okinawan Gift Shop Sales

9. Gross sales of the Okinawan Gift Shops for the period 28 March to 27 April amounted to ¥ 103,972.50.

Building Materials

10. During April the Northern Ryukyus produced 8,320 pieces of new type tile, 11,640 pounds of lime and 34,920 pounds of lime mortar. In the Southern Ryukyus 128,991 pieces of native type tile were produced in March.

BUILDING MATERIALS - OKINAWA GUNTO April

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Okinawa tile	ea	144,184
New type tile	ea	7,900
Brick	ea	107,169
Lime	lb	4,000 a/
Lime mortar	lb	12,000

a/ Decrease is due to a lessened demand.

Construction and Repair

11. Standard prefabricated houses constructed in Okinawa Gunto in May totaled 201. Other construction was: 2 frame buildings with canvas roofs to be used for TB hospital; 2 frame buildings with wooden roofs for hospitals and 2 frame buildings with wooden roofs for a leper colony; 1 quonset for Koza Hospital and 1 quonset for Maebaru Hospital.

There was no building in the Northern Ryukyus in May. In Yaeyama, Southern Ryukyus during April, 7 frame buildings with tile roofs and 4 frame buildings with thatched roofs were constructed for dwellings. One quonset was constructed to be used as a charity hospital. No report was received from Miyako, Southern Ryukyus.

12. On Okinawa in May, 1 bridge, 3 culverts, 2 retaining walls and 7 roadside walls were repaired.

The Northern Ryukyus reported 1/2 mile of road repaired and Yacyama, Southern Ryukyus reported 1 bridge repaired. There was no report received from Miyako, Southern Ryukyus.

ELECTRIC POWER

13. Electric power consumed on Okinawa during May totaled 174,365 kilowatt hours with a revenue of ¥ 9,270. In the Northern Ryukyus in May 239,079 kilowatt hours were consumed and revenue collected totaled ¥ 198,329. Yacyama, Southern Ryukyus reported 5,706 kilowatt hours with a revenue of ¥ 53,136 in April. Monthly variations of revenue earned reflects absence of deadline in payment of current accounts.

ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION - OKINAWA GUNTO (kilowatt hours)

Prisons and police station	6,519
Schools	2,775
Motor pools	5,760
Hospital and dispensaries	64,326
Ration dumps	8,325
Industries and factories	56,995
Government offices	29,665

TRANSPORTATION

Water Transportation

14. Fifteen Military Government vessels based at Okinawa were employed in the Ryukyus interisland distribution of civilian goods, heavy equipment, medical supplies, clothing and POL. Passengers carried numbered 963 in May.

INTERISLAND CARGO DISTRIBUTION (measurement tons) May

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Cargo</u>
Northern Ryukyus	1,174
Southern Ryukyus	873
Iriomote	23
Okinawa Gunto	758
Total	2,828

The FS 130, assigned to Military Government Fisheries, departed Okinawa 23 May for Kobe, Japan for drydocking.

15. The LST 34, which has been aground since 15 January 1949 at Ishigaki in the Southern Ryukyus was declared a total loss. The USAT LST 802 arrived from Japan to attempt salvage of cargo aboard the LST 34.

16. There were 7 Military Government vessels inoperative during May, 4 of which were in drydock at Kobe.

17. In the Northern Ryukyus in May, 3 Provisional Government vessels were in operation, 13 trips were made carrying 647 measurement tons of cargo and 1,529 passengers with a net income of ¥ 228,877.50. Two confiscated vessels were operated there with a net income of ¥ 42,621.50.

18. There were 35 Provisional Government vessels in operation in May in the Southern Ryukyus. A total of 240 trips were made carrying 397 measurement tons of cargo and 4,930 passengers with a net income of ¥ 435,539. Eight confiscated vessels were in operation bringing in a revenue of ¥ 64,688. Increase in cargo hauled and revenue earned is due to increase in production of shell, adarba leaf and salt for interisland trade. Passenger increase is due to travel necessary to market products.

Land Transportation

19. The Okinawa Bus Company carried 56,133 passengers during May and collected ¥ 463,865 in fares.

20. A total of 30 vehicles were repaired in the Okinawan higher echelon maintenance shop at Machinato in May.

21. Vehicles in use in the Ryukyus are shown in the table below.

VEHICLES IN USE

Type	Okinawa G. May	N. Ryukyus May	S. Ryukyus April
2 1/2 T trucks	238	6	62
1 1/2 T & 3/4 T trucks	72	3	2
1/4 T trucks	102	1	2
Miscellaneous	4	3	10
Total	416	13	76

22. Approximately 44,861 short tons of cargo were hauled by truck in Okinawa Gunto and 506 short tons were hauled in the Northern Ryukyus in May. The Southern Ryukyus reported 1,931 short tons hauled in April.

CARGO HAULED BY TRUCK
(short tons)

	<u>Okinawa G.</u> May	<u>N. Ryukyus</u> May	<u>S. Ryukyus</u> April
Water transportation	756	0	0
Agriculture	1,530	0	11
Commerce	205	26	0
Fisheries	1,078	0	0
Industry	661	6	708
Rations, clothing, POL	29,657	4	490
Medical supplies	401	0	9
Public works			
Construction material	4,500	36	53
Road maintenance	5,000	0	497
Import and export	313	0	32
Education supplies	127	0	0
Baggage for repatriation	143	434	5
Miscellaneous	490	0	126

23. During May in Okinawa, 45 passengers were carried by truck in the repatriation and resettlement program. In the Northern Ryukyus, 6,638 passengers were carried by truck in May bringing in a revenue of ¥ 36,599. The Southern Ryukyus reported 3,742 passengers carried in April with a revenue of ¥ 76,084.

COMMUNICATIONS

Postal Communications

24. Postal deliveries in the Ryukyus are shown in the table below.

MAIL DELIVERIES - RYUKYUS
May

Domestic

<u>Origin</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Parcels</u>
Okinawa Gunto	Miyako Retto	233	2
Okinawa Gunto	Yaeyama Retto	299	1
Okinawa Gunto	Northern Ryukyus	203	3

Okinawa Gunto	Okinawa Gunto	21,609	141
Northern Ryukyus	Okinawa Gunto	215	1
Northern Ryukyus	Miyako Retto	40	0
Northern Ryukyus	Yaeyama Retto	51	0
Northern Ryukyus	Northern Ryukyus	140,510 a/	574 a/
Miyako Retto	Okinawa Gunto	176	1
Miyako Retto	Northern Ryukyus	29	0
Miyako Retto	Yaeyama Retto	495 a/	4 a/
Miyako Retto	Miyako Retto	No data	
Yaeyama Retto	Okinawa Gunto	231	1
Yaeyama Retto	Northern Ryukyus	31	0
Yaeyama Retto	Miyako Retto	188 a/	2 a/
Yaeyama Retto	Yaeyama Retto	No data	

International

<u>Origin</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Airmail</u>	<u>Ordinary</u>	<u>Parcels</u>
Okinawa Gunto	Foreign countries	8,488	1,478	0
Miyako Retto	Foreign countries	145	117	0
Yaeyama Retto	Foreign countries	17	61	0
Northern Ryukyus	Foreign countries	1,354	1,824	0
Foreign countries	Okinawa Gunto	5,058	1,257	4,240
Foreign countries	Miyako Retto	67	111	1
Foreign countries	Yaeyama Retto	67	134	0
Foreign countries	Northern Ryukyus	749	2,119	11

a/ April figures.

25. Postal revenue in Okinawa in May totaled ¥ 137,849.50. In the Southern Ryukyus the postal revenue for April was ¥ 11,115.70. The Northern Ryukyus reported a revenue of ¥ 373,137.50 in April.

Telephone and Telegraph

26. An average of 2,985 local telephone calls was completed daily by exchanges on Okinawa in May, a total of 7,806 long distance calls was made. In the Southern Ryukyus, a daily average of 39 long distance calls were completed and 3,226 local calls were made in April. The Northern Ryukyus had a daily average of 7,129 local calls and 1,288 long distance calls in April.

27. Telephone revenue during May on Okinawa totaled ¥ 23,107.40. Of this amount telephone rent was ¥ 14,684.90, toll charges ¥ 8,089.50, subscription fee ¥ 100, local calls ¥ 83, removing fee ¥ 150. Tele-

phone revenue in the Southern Ryukyus in April was ¥ 19,023.70. Telephone revenue for Okinawa in April summation was for April, not March as shown.

28. In the Northern Ryukyus in April, there were 9,615 telegrams dispatched locally, 2,016 were dispatched to Japan and 1,746 telegrams were received from Japan. In the Southern Ryukyus, 1,776 telegrams were dispatched locally, 207 telegrams were dispatched to Japan and 181 telegrams were received from Japan in April.

LABOR

29. During May, 32,503 Okinawans were employed by agencies of the United States Government, 20,005 were employed by Okinawa Civilian Administration and 146,363 were employed in private enterprise. The total number of Okinawans gainfully employed was 208,323. In the Northern Ryukyus, 101 persons were employed by agencies of the United States Government. The total number of persons employed was 130,124. No report was received from the Southern Ryukyus.

30. Unemployed persons on Okinawa totaled 888 in May. In the Northern Ryukyus, 2,706 persons were unemployed in May. No report was received from the Southern Ryukyus.

INTERISLAND AND FOREIGN TRADE

31. Imports from Japan in May were 6 metric tons of office supplies, 12 metric tons of toilet articles 239 metric tons of miscellaneous consumer goods. Miscellaneous PX surplus received from the United States (purchased for distribution through Special Trade Stores) totaled 15 metric tons. Received from Japan in April and not reported were 12 metric tons of seed oysters. Exported to Japan in May were 112 metric tons of sea shells and 7 metric tons of sotetsu leaves. In warehouse awaiting shipment to Japan are 112,464 metric tons of sea shells, 65 metric tons of sotetsu leaves and 17 metric tons of kaijinso (medicinal seaweed).

RATIONING AND DISTRIBUTION

Subsistence

32. Of the subsistence consumed in the Ryukyus for May, 31 percent was imported and 69 percent was produced locally.

33. The following locally produced foods were released for distribution in the Ryukyus.

INDIGENOUS FOOD DISTRIBUTION
(metric tons)
April

Sweet potatoes	21,645
Cereals	2,068
Vegetables	2,594
Fish	744

Imported foods consisting of 3,436 metric tons of rice, 339 metric tons of sugar and 1,626 metric tons of canned goods and dry provisions were distributed in the Ryukyus in May. Of this amount 531 metric tons of rice and 228 metric tons of canned goods and dry provisions were distributed in the Northern Ryukyus, and 202 metric tons of rice and 75 metric tons of canned goods and dry provisions were distributed in Miyako, Southern Ryukyus.

34. A total of 12,911 metric tons of foodstuffs consisting of 45,752,838,364 calories was on hand at the Central Subsistence Warehouse at Tengan, Okinawa on 31 May. The foodstuffs are broken down as follows.

<u>Foodstuff</u>	<u>Calories</u>	<u>M/tons</u>	<u>Days on Hand</u>
Starch	30,833,643,068	8,147	83
Protein	9,893,121,622	2,879	128
Sugar	4,828,714,388	1,320	440
Fat & Oil	111,399,276	10	4
Milk	85,960,010	12	8
Salt		431	39
Item with no caloric value		112	

There is an average of 92 days on hand in all types of foodstuffs. This is based on 35 percent issue of requirements to Okinawa, 25 percent to Northern Ryukyus and 21 percent to Miyako, Southern Ryukyus.

Trade Goods

35. Trade goods amounting to 324 metric tons were distributed throughout the Ryukyus in May.

Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants

36. Totals of 1,219,058 gallons of POL and 9,042 pounds of grease were distributed throughout the Ryukyus in May.

POL ISSUES
May

<u>Receiver</u>	<u>Nogas(gal)</u>	<u>Diesel(gal)</u>	<u>Kerosene(gal)</u>	<u>Lub Oil(gal)</u>	<u>Grease (lb)</u>
Mil. Supply	35,410	24,830	2,173	2,470	1,050
Okinawa G.	74,955	297,338	28,408	23,777	3,492
Motor Trans.	115,000	1,595	715	6,949	2,900
Water Trans.	7,700	263,208	901	13,238	200
N. Ryukyus	20,515	69,000	10,547	8,704	650
S. Ryukyus	15,918	84,462	1,060	5,070	700
Iriomote	4,950	9,900	159	106	50
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Totals	274,448	750,333	43,963	60,314	9,042

SECTION 3

FINANCE

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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Bank of the Ryukyus

1. Deposits, Bank of the Ryukyus as of 31 May 1949 (excluding Military Government Accounts) are 147 million yen.

Total loans by the bank as of 31 May 1949 were 124 million yen.

Field Audit Division

2. Audit of the accounts for sales of imported foods, clothing and supplies in the Northern Ryukyus, the accounts of the Northern Ryukyus Provisional Government and the O'Shima Branch of the Bank of the Ryukyus were commenced during the Month of May 1949.

TAXATION AND REVENUE

3. An insufficient period of time has elapsed during the Fiscal Year 1950 to determine the effect upon muras of the substitution of taxes on houses and arable land for the profit derived from the sale of imported foods, clothing and other supplies. Loans to local governmental units through the Bank of Ryukyus have increased, however, indicating some muras with inadequate surpluses encountered difficulty during the early transition period.

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PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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PUBLIC HEALTH

Medical Care

1. Medical care in the Ryukyus is shown in the table below.

	<u>Okinawa G.</u> April	<u>N.Ryukyus</u> April	<u>S.Ryukyus</u> March
In patients	1,899	51	291
Out patients	19,850	49,715	2,561
Hospital capacity	1,545	70	86

2. The Airaku-on Leper Colony, Okinawa Gunto, has a capacity for 900 patients. There were 10 admissions and 5 discharges bringing the total to 766 patients. In the Northern Ryukyus the Wakoen Leper Colony has 328 patients. In Nanscien Leper Colony, Southern Ryukyus, there were no admissions or discharges in March.

Disease Incidence

3. Disease incidence reported for the Ryukyus.

DISEASE INCIDENCE

(1) Respiratory Diseases:

	<u>Okinawa G.</u> April	<u>N.Ryukyus</u> April	<u>S.Ryukyus</u> March
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0

Small Pox	0	0	0
Chicken Pox	14	48	4
Measles	7	73	0
German measles	94	0	0
Mumps	144	0	51
Influenza	0	152	539
Pneumonia; lobar	53	0	29
Pneumonia; broncho	268	142	126
Pneumonia, secondary	21	0	0
Diphtheria	6	4	0
Whooping Cough	198	26	0
Tuberculosis, pulmonary	97	116	34
Tuberculosis, other	53	0	10
Epidemic meningitis	0	0	0

(2) Insect borne diseases reported in Okinawa by districts are shown below. No incidence of typhus or Japanese "B" encephalitis was reported.

<u>District</u>	<u>Malaria</u> April	<u>Filariasis</u> April
Hentona	84	7
Taira	66	1
Jinuza	39	2
Ishikawa	68	1
Macbaru	130	3
Koza	103	3
Naha	36	3
Chinen	104	1
Itoman	23	2
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Total	653	23

In the Northern Ryukyus there were 15 cases of malaria and 46 cases of filariasis in April. There were 10 cases of malaria and 30 cases of filariasis in the Southern Ryukyus in March.

(3) Intestinal Diseases:

	<u>Okinawa G.</u> April	<u>N. Ryukyus</u> April	<u>S. Ryukyus</u> March
Para typhoid	0	0	0
Typhoid fever	0	0	0
Amoebic dysentery	0	96	33
Cholera	0	0	0

(4) Venereal Diseases:

Syphilis	6	101	32
Gonorrhea	55	140	61
Chancroid	0	10	8
Lymphogranuloma, venereal	0	0	0

(5) Miscellaneous:

Yaws	0	0	0
Leprosy	10	0	0
Totanus	14	0	0
Trachoma	493	189	110
Scabies	151	60	22

Sanitation

4. Sanitation activities are shown below.

	Okinawa G.	N.Ryukyus	S.Ryukyus
	April	April	March
Drainage ditches constructed	121,524 ft	0	0
Drainage ditches serviced	1,734,139 ft	0	0
Penite expended	30 gal	0	0
DDT in oil expended	9,711 gal	0	1,473 gal
Houses sprayed	47,019	30	2,724

5. The following sanitation supplies were distributed in the Ryukyus during May,

Nomenclature	Okinawa G.	N.Ryukyus	S.Ryukyus
DDT Concentrate (100%)	7,525 lb	475 lb	575 lb
Diesel oil	16,555 gal	1,045 gal	1,265 gal
DDT Dust (10%)	17,740 lb	0	0
Sprayers	2 ea.	0	0

Nursing Affairs

6. Five Okinawan girls chosen from the first year classes of the Koza and Nago Nursing Schools departed for Tokyo in May to enter the Tokyo Model Demonstration School for a three year course in nursing.

There are 217 Okinawan girls attending nurses training schools operated by Koza, Nago and Ginoza Hospitals.

Medical Supplies

7. The following supplies were received by Military Government for distribution to the native population.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Weight</u> lb
GARIOA	Dental supplies	box	2	30
GARIOA	New shipment of Med.	box	63	6,000
GARIOA	Insecticide DDT 10%	case	159	6,360
Rycom Ned Depot	Salvage equipment			16,000
Rycom Ned Depot	Dental Unit (Incomp.)	ea	4	200
Rycom Ned Depot	Outdated medicine			8,000
Naha Engr Depot	Building materials			19,000
Naha Port	New shipment of hospital equipment			6,000
Naha Port	Penicillin	bot	2,500	560
LARI	Welfare supplies			9,000

The following medical supplies were distributed in the Ryukyus during May.

<u>Nomenclature</u>	<u>Okinawa G.</u> lb	<u>N. Ryukyus</u> lb	<u>S. Ryukyus</u> lb
Drugs	110,000	2,500	1,700
Equipment	9,500	0	12,000
Narcotics & Alcohol	1,500	120	130
Welfare supplies	41,000	200	0
Sanitation supplies	184,420	8,400	9,740
Building materials	22,000	0	0

Veterinary Activities

8. No epidemic diseases in cattle, horses, or poultry appeared in the Ryukyus in April. On Okinawa 67 cases of swine erysipelas caused 30 deaths; 1 case of swine plague resulted in death; 1 case of distomia hepaticum in goats and 1 case of lumbar paralysis in goats resulted in death.

In the Northern Ryukyus 5 cases of swine cholera resulted in 4 deaths; 45 cases of swine erysipelas caused 5 deaths; 8 cases of lumbar paralysis in goats caused 2 deaths. There were no epidemic diseases in the Southern Ryukyus.

On Okinawa in April, 10 pounds of beef, 254 pounds of pork and 5 pounds of goat meat from slaughtered animals were condemned. The Northern Ryukyus reported 105 pounds of beef condemned. There were 3 pounds of pork condemned in the Southern Ryukyus.

WELFARE

9. In May, 33,184 Okinawans received non-institutional relief aid.

RELIEF ROLL - OKINAWA GUNTO (non - institutional) May

Persons under 16 years of age	21,447
Persons over 60 years of age	6,264
Pregnant women	137
Physically handicapped and invalids	3,830
Widows with children	1,506

10. Inspections trips to obtain Welfare and relief data were made by teams from Military Government and Okinawan Civilian Administration, to the islands of Tonaki, Zamami, Tokashiki, Ie, Tori and Theya.

11. The school lunch program was expanded during May to include six more schools, 4 lunches a week were served to 4,314 children of the first and second grades.

12. The installation formerly occupied by the China-Bosey was made available to Public Health and Welfare Department, Military Government to be used as a consolidated institution. The occupants and staffs of the Shuri Orphanage and the Shuri Old People's Home have been relocated there.

13. In May, 13 tons of LARA supplies were distributed to institutions and needy persons. Goats received through LARA were distributed to 521 farmers in Okinawa Gunto.

14. A total of 833 persons received institutional relief in the Ryukyus.

INSTITUTIONAL RELIEF ROLL May

<u>Orphanages</u>		<u>Old People's Homes</u>	
Koza	99	Koza	24
Hyakuna	85	Ishikawa	38
Taira	23	Shuri	23
Shuri	24	S. Ryukyus	145
Leper Colony	47		—
S. Ryukyus Foster Homes	138		
N. Ryukyus Foster Homes	173	Total	230
Yagaji	14		
Total	603		

REPATRIATION

15. In May, 1 repatriate was received on Okinawa from Japan and 4 Brazilian nationals were sent to Brazil from Okinawa.

VITAL STATISTICS

16. Population of the Ryukyus in March is given below. There were no stillbirths in Okinawa. The Northern Ryukyus reported 5 stillbirths in May. No report was received from the Southern Ryukyus.

	<u>Population on 28 Feb</u>	<u>Births</u>	<u>Gains</u>	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Losses</u>	<u>Population on 31 Mar</u>
Okinawa	557,779	1,412	150	449	28	558,864
N. Ryukyus	224,804	645	99	256	53	225,239
S. Ryukyus	No data					

Marriages and divorces were as follows:

	<u>Marriages</u>	<u>Divorces</u>
Okinawa	425	94
Northern Ryukyus	255	36
Southern Ryukyus	No data	

RYUKYUAN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN ACTIVITIES

17. The following property was taken into custody and disposed of as shown below during May in Okinawa. No property was taken into custody in the Northern or Southern Ryukyus during the month.

Okinawa

	<u>Area Items (Tsubo)</u>	<u>a/</u>	<u>Rental</u>	<u>Value</u>
Property taken into custody	401	178,474	0	¥ 3,204,338.50
Occupied by Military	39	14,647	0	921,071.00
Occupied by Prov. Gov't	15	3,325	0	272,250.00
Not recommended for lease	95	13,846	0	187,141.00
Property leased	145	12,504	3,738.30	
Available for lease	252	146,656		1,823,876.50

a/ One tsubo is approximately 36 square feet.

Rent collected during May amounted to ¥ 2,392.90. Balance on hand at end of the month totaled ¥ 163,612.25.

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EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Schools

1. The school enrollment in the Ryukyus is shown in the table below. Most kindergartens are supported by the villages, sharp decrease in number of kindergartens on Okinawa reflects inability of villages to pay school expenses.

Type of School	Number of Schools	Teachers	Pupils
Okinawa Gunto (May)			
Kindergarten	43	158	6,464
Elementary	145	2,128	93,935
Junior High	107	995	41,013
Senior High	16	288	6,433
Technical High	5	61	927
Higher Schools	6	20	285
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Totals	322	3,650	149,057

Northern Ryukyus (April)

Kindergarten	5	22	723
Elementary	103	855	32,136
Junior High	40	429	12,580
Technical High	14	74	2,002
Boys High School	1	37	1,073
Girls High School	1	24	668
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Totals	164	1,441	49,182

Miyako, Southern Ryukyus (April)

Kindergarten	17	46	1,986
Elementary	17	240	11,559
Junior High	9	135	3,572
Fisheries	1	10	109
Agriculture & Forestry	1	8	130
Girls High	1	15	344
Boys High	1	17	355
Teachers Training	1	2	32
Totals	48	473	18,087

Yaeyama, Southern Ryukyus (April)

Kindergarten	6	24	552
Elementary	17	166	6,509
Junior High	1	19	443
Agriculture & Forestry	1	21	242
Boys High	1	19	178
Teachers Training	1	2	36
Vocational	11	57	1,456
Totals	38	308	9,416

2. The Information and Education Department of Military Government supervised the improvement of the Hyakuna Elementary School in preparation for School Improvement Day to be held in June. The School-yard was cleared of rocks, and flowers were planted. Furniture and walls were repaired by the students and teachers.

School Improvement Day was held at the Yonabaru Elementary School on 13 May. Four native judges selected the 3 outstanding classrooms with regard to general appearance, state of repair to furniture and walls, and condition of the floor. LARA prizes were awarded to each student in the winning classes. In addition every student in the school received a notebook and pencil and each teacher was given articles of clothing from LARA.

In April in the Northern Ryukyus, roofs of 3 primary schools and 2 junior high schools were repaired. Three primary schools, and one junior high school received new roofs.

Miyako, Southern Ryukyus reported 3 schools under construction and construction completed on 3 elementary schools. In Yaeyama, Southern Ryukyus rebuilding of 1 elementary school was completed.

Supplies

3. A total of 392 books, in English, two cases of candles, 702 softball bats, 2 small boxes of chalk, 422 baseball bats, 3 cases of soap, 16 tents, 1,370 notebooks, 1,370 pencils, and 1,196 softballs were distributed to schools on Okinawa in May.

In-Service Training

4. In May, 97 Okinawan employees of the 51st Fighter Wing were enrolled in an In-Service Training School with 10 persons enrolled in automotive mechanics class; 20 in truck driving class; 15 in the electricity and 52 in the English class.

Adult Education

5. The Okinawan Federation of Youth Associations met Friday, 13 May to vote for submission of their charter to Military Government for approval and registration. Several local associations reported their cooperation with school authorities in the rebuilding of school buildings.

Information and Education films were shown to 192,260 persons on Okinawa in May. In the Northern Ryukyus, educational films were shown to approximately 8,000 persons in May.

In the Northern Ryukyus, special classes in language, housekeeping, music and other subjects were held each week in May.

INFORMATION

6. The fifth issue of the Ryukyus Gazette was published 10 May at the Futema Printing Plant. The paper remains four pages in size, but circulation was increased from 19,000 to 33,000. Distribution of this publication was formerly handled by the Provisional Governments and was not entirely satisfactory. Effective with this issue principal distribution was placed in the hands of the Central Youth Association with much better results. Additional distribution to outlying small islands continued through the CI&E Mobile Movie Units. Increased coverage was given to All-Ryukyuan activities to heighten the publication's appeal to readers in the Northern and Southern Ryukyus.

7. In May, the printing of posters in support of the Information and Education Program was accelerated; three new sets of 3,000 copies each were produced for distribution throughout the Ryukyus. Poster distribution in Okinawa Gunto was initiated through the Central Youth Association at the meeting referred to in paragraph 5.

above. Three additional sets of posters (1,500 copies each set) were produced to advertise the meetings scheduled by officials of the Okinawan Civilian Administration. (See paragraph 3 - POLITICS). Two-hundred memo pads were produced from scrap paper at the printing plant for distribution to schools.

8. Construction of Ryukyuan Radio Broadcasting Station AKAR was completed on 14 May. Test broadcasting was begun on 16 May using a power output of 500 watts on a frequency of 1400 kilocycles. Reports of reception in all parts of the Ryukyus were encouraging. Regular broadcasting will commence after distribution of 300 battery-operated receiving sets expected soon. AKAR is located at Enobi, Okinawa and is operated by the Information and Education Department of Military Government.

9. The three weekly newspapers on Okinawa have circulations of about 15,000 each. Their source of paper is Military Government. One newspaper prints a weekly children's edition of about 5,000 copies. There are 5 magazines published with a combined circulation of approximately 4,000.

10. In the Northern Ryukyus, 4 newspapers have a total circulation of 6,350, seven magazines are published. Number of circulation was not reported.

11. In Miyako, Southern Ryukyus, 4 newspapers reported a combined circulation of 3,000, other papers did not report circulation. Three magazines are published, circulation not reported. Yaeyama, Southern Ryukyus reported 5 newspapers with a combined circulation of 39,150.

Information Centers

12. During May a lecture and general discussion of social studies and a meeting and round table discussion of "Agriculture in Denmark" were held at Shuri Library, Okinawa. At the Okinawan Civilian Administration Library, a lecture meeting and discussion on "Democratism" was held. An amateur drama was produced and a story reading hour for children was held at Ishikawa, Okinawa. At Nago, Okinawa, an exhibition of photographs "Okinawa Before and After", and a documentary film on the "Junior and Senior High Schools" was shown. The exhibition was open to the public and drew an audience of 2,500. The movie attracted 1,500 persons.

The New York Times, Chicago Daily Tribune, Readers Digest (English Edition), National Geographic, Saturday Evening Post, Life, Colliers and Time magazines were distributed to the Center Libraries; Education Department, Okinawan Civilian Administration and native organizations. In addition to this distribution, 4,000 Japanese Lan-

guage Readers Digests were distributed in Okinawa, in the Northern Ryukyus and Southern Ryukyus.

Libraries

13. The four libraries reported a daily average of 360 readers, there were 7,151 books and 3,437 magazines read in May. One-hundred "Primers of Democracy" were distributed to each of the 4 Center Libraries for circulation.

CULTURE

14. On Okinawa in May, 10 actors guilds with an average of 20 actors each gave daily performances. In the Northern Ryukyus, 6 actors guilds consisting of 108 persons provided entertainment for the public in April. In Miyako, Southern Ryukyus performances were given each night during April by Nashiro and Onaga Troupes.

RELIGION

15. During April in Miyako, Southern Ryukyus, 1,200 persons attended Christian Church services and 450 persons attended Sunday School. In Yaeyama, Southern Ryukyus, 48 adults and 200 children attended church services. Buddhists services were held in 3,500 homes, 372 persons attended services in Buddhists Temples and 381 persons attended Shinto services in April.

16. In the Northern Ryukyus, Protestant services were held each Sunday with an average attendance of 40 persons. Weekly and Sunday Mass was celebrated with a weekly average of 1,130 persons, 121 persons attended catechism classes held twice weekly. Buddhist services held each Sunday were attended by a total of 170 persons, an average of 180 children attended Sunday School classes. The Shinto Moon Festival was conducted on 13 April, with an attendance of 400 persons.

